

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1460

Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana

February 23, 2007

An act to amend Section 50675.13 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1460, as introduced, Saldana. Multifamily Housing Program: project prioritization.

Existing law establishes the Multifamily Housing Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide a standardized set of program rules and features applicable to all housing types based on the department's California Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Existing law requires the department, with respect to certain funds appropriated under the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 and allocated under the Multifamily Housing Program, to award reasonable priority points for projects to prioritize infill development, adaptive reuse in existing developed areas served with public infrastructure, and projects in proximity to public transit, public schools, parks and recreational facilities, or job centers.

The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency

Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury and requires the sum of \$1,500,000,000 to be deposited in the Affordable Housing Account, which the act establishes in the fund. The act continuously appropriates the moneys in the account in accordance with a specified schedule that requires, among other things, the transfer of certain sums to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund in the State Treasury for expenditure under the Multifamily Housing Program.

This bill, additionally, would require the department to award reasonable priority points for projects to prioritize sustainable building methods established in accordance with certain criteria listed under state regulations relating to federal and state low-income housing tax credits. The bill would require the department to award the specified priority points, as modified under the bill, to qualified projects funded with the funds made available under the 2006 bond act for expenditure under the Multifamily Housing Program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 50675.13 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 50675.13. (a) ~~If the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust~~
- 4 ~~Fund Act of 2002 is approved by the voters, with~~ With respect to
- 5 funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of
- 6 Section 53533, *and subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1)*
- 7 *of subdivision (a) of Section 53545*, the department shall award
- 8 reasonable priority points for projects to prioritize any of the
- 9 following:
- 10 (1) Infill development.
- 11 (2) Adaptive reuse in existing developed areas served with
- 12 public infrastructure.
- 13 (3) Projects in proximity to public transit, public schools, parks
- 14 and recreational facilities, or job centers.
- 15 (4) *Sustainable building methods established in accordance*
- 16 *with the criteria listed under paragraph (8) of subdivision (c) of*
- 17 *Section 10325 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations.*

- 1 (b) The department may utilize other factors in rural areas to
- 2 promote infill development.

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